

FREDERICK COUNTY HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION

CITIZENS SERVICES BUILDING

401 Sagner Ave.

Frederick, MD 21701

Minutes of the October 30, 2018 Meeting

- I. The meeting was held at Winchester Hall, and called to order by Chair Mari Lee. An invitation was extended to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.
- II. The following members were present: Mari Lee, Lisa Clark, Annette Breiling, Adam Book, Christine Isleib, Paula Glascoe, Roger Sobkowiak, Marguerite Vacca-Kaye, Blair Pettrey, and Irene Packer-Halsey. Lt. Joe Hayer from FPD and 1 guest Georgette Hughes were also in attendance.
- III. The minutes from the September 2018 HRC meeting were reviewed and approved by vote with a motion by Marguerite Vacca-Kaye and a second by Irene Packer-Halsey.
- IV. The guest speakers were Karen Duffy and Diana Barney from the Family Wellness Alliance. The Family Wellness Alliance offers workshops on a variety of mental health topics in an effort to promote community understanding, acceptance and compassion and to reduce stigma. They can tailor workshops to meet the needs of a variety of audiences. Examples of some of the workshops offered are: Take a Bite out of Bullying, Caregiver Self-Care, Social Media and our Children, Suicide Prevention and Intervention, Depression in the Workplace and Understanding Mental Health.
- V. Comments from Law Enforcement - Lt. Joe Hayer from the FPD reported that on November 10 the FPD will be hosting 5K on the Runway. The FPD Community Survey is completed and will be released soon. It is No Shave November and proceeds from the fund raiser will benefit the Patty Pollatos Fund.
- VI. Officer and Committee Reports
 - a. Executive Committee

Annette Breiling reported that the funds available to the HRC are \$4,484.00
 - b. Standing Committees

CRC – The CRC has been working on Part 3 of the HRC public forum series, which will be *Views on Racism from Different Generations*.

GRC – Roger Sobkowiak reported that December 10 has been set for the HRC Human Rights Day lunch. Bruce Zavos, Milton Baily and Ken Oldham will be the panel to speak about affordable housing.

IRC – The IRC will be meeting to talk about the strategic plan for the HRC.

VII. Old Business

- a. Roger Sobkowiak gave the HRC presentation to NAC 11 at Mullinix Park; he reported it was well attended.
- b. Asian American Center Health Fair – 3 HRC members volunteered at the event. It was not as well attended as past years. The weather was not good.
- c. The Board of Education Policy Committee met on Wednesday, 10/24 to hear and discuss input as they consider establishing a new Racial Equity Committee. Mari Lee attended and spoke on behalf of the HRC. She reported that all comments made were positive.

VIII. New Business

- a. 2018 Human Rights Day Lunch, Monday, December 10, 12 – 1:30pm at the Bernard Brown Community Center
- b. 2018 Naturalization Ceremony will be held on Thursday, December 13 at Winchester Hall; it will begin at 1:00 pm.
- c. Frederick County Public Schools Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration January 10, 2019 at Governor Thomas Johnson High School Auditorium 7:00pm
- d. The HRC Retreat will be held at the Public Safety Training Facility on April 6, 2019; more details to come.

IX. Action Items

A motion was made by Marguerite Vacca-Kaye and a second by Lisa Clark to support the FCPS MLK Celebration with an advertisement in the program booklet in the amount of \$100.00. The motion was carried by membership vote.

Mari Lee presented a budget to the HRC members that the following items could be approved by the Executive Committee. \$1,200 for Donations, Ads and Space rentals. \$800 for Food, \$1,000 giveaways and \$250 for misc. A motion was made by Lisa Clark and 2nd by Marguerite Vacca-Kaye it was approved by vote with the allowance that approval for ads and donations be brought before the full board for vote.

X. Members who chose to do so made brief final comments.

XI. The meeting was adjourned.